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The Honorable Virgil H. Goode
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515-4605

Dear Congressman Goode:

Thank you for your letters of June 21, 2001, regarding concerns expressed by Mr. Eugene Moorefield and Mr. Chad Harrison, about recent plant closings in Altavista, VA and specifically, about BGF Industries, a company that employs over 500 people in Altavista.

In their letters to you, Messrs. Moorefield and Harrison requested that EPA be patient with the assessment and cleanup of contamination recently discovered at BGF Industries' Altavista facility. EPA has been working closely with BGF Industries and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to adequately assess the site since discovery of the contamination in 1998. The assessment of the site has been recently completed and a review of the characterization information is underway.

EPA and BGF Industries have had an excellent working relationship regarding the Altavista Site over the last three years, which I'm sure will continue with the development of a cleanup remedy for the site in the future.

I hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Michael D'Andrea, Virginia Liaison Officer, at 215-814-5615

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Voltaggio
Acting Regional Administrator

